Deputy President.—Motion No. 39, Mr. Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is only to point out that *the State Manual* requires revision at an early date. The figures that we have now are those of the census fo 1096. We had only three or four censuses, various changes have taken place, and it has to be brought up-to-date. There was a resolution to this effect. It was not moved.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government shall take note of that too.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 40.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,02,300 for Stationery and Printing.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 40, Mr. Salem. He is absent.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the allotment asked for Stationery and Printing be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

19. Demand No. IX—Forests—Rs. 3,58,664.

Deputy President.—Then Demand No. IX—Forests.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Sir, I beg to present for the vote of the House a demand of Rs. 3,58,664 under 'IX-Forests'. In doing so, no elaborate explanations seem to be called for from me, in view of the fact that the more important features of the budget proposals of the Department have already been touched upon, in brief yet lucid terms, by the President as well as the Finance Member. The references made to the subject by them will, I am sure, have satisfied my Hon'ble friends opposite, that we have not only fulfilled the promises made during the last Budgest Session, but that the Government have not failed to duly consider and give effect to some of the valuable suggestions that emerged in the course of the discussion of the subject in this House last year. The Reconnoitring Survey of the Parambikulam forests was undertaken as promised last year, and though the investigation is not complete, sufficient data were collected to show that there was no lack of materials for the profitable working of the Tramway for another 4 or 5 years at least, so that we can face the immediate future without misgiving, pending the completion of the necessary investigations and final decision of the Tramway question. The defect in the account system by which the freight charges of timber transported by Tramway did not find a place in the disbursements of the Forest Department has been remedied by the addition of a sub-head for the item under A. 1.

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Among other suggestions on which action has already been taken, may be mentioned the substitution, as far as possible, of sales by public auction in the place of sales by tenders or private negotiations. Other suggestions regarding the most economical methods of conducting elephant capturing operations, raising plantations, etc., are being carefully considered.

The printed explanatory memorandum on the budget already in the hands of the Hon'ble Members would have acquainted them with the reasons for the principal variations that may be noticed in the budget estimate for 1105 as compared with the revised estimate for the current year. I shall be happy to furnish any other information that the House may wish to have on the subject. With these words, I beg to commend the demand for the acceptance of the House.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,22,500 for timber and other produce, etc., by Rs. 50,000.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 1, Mr. Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 2—6.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,22,500 for timber and other produce, etc., by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,410 for item 2, conservancy and works by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,200 for capture of elephants by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,000 for demarcation, etc., by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment Rs. 200 for refunds by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motions Nos. 2-6 may be taken to have been withdrawn as the Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 7.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,96,420 for A. conservancy and works by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 7.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

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Motion No. 8.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 19,114 for establishment by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 8.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I have tabled this motion to bring to the notice of the Government that there is no necessity for B form passes, since the forests have been denuded of trees and the forest exclusions have been assigned. I wish to know whether the Member for Forests has any objection to put a stop to this at least in Chittur.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—So far as the Chittur Sub-divisions are concerned, I shall do the needful. There are no reserve forests.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 9-10.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 19,114 for temporary staff by Re. 1.*

Mr. K. J. Antony.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 13,306 for stipends to two students for training at Dehra Dun.*

Deputy President.—Motions 9 and 10. The Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 11

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 13,306 for stipends to two students for training at Dehra Dun.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 11.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn

Motion No. 12.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 13,306 for stipends to two students for training at Dehra Dun.*

Deputy President.—No. 12, Mr. Mathew.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—On a point of information. May I know what is the necessity to send two boys to Dehra Dun just now, next year itself?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Want of trained hands to fill up vacancies.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—How many trained hands have you in the Department?

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Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—We have got 5 trained hands

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So, these five will not be enough?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.— Already there is one vacancy. It is not filled up.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Won't you get that training by sending them to Coimbatore? Why do you spend such a big amount to send them to Dehra Dun?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Dehra Dun training is much better than Coimbatore training.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Are the same subjects taught?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes, but the training is more efficient.

Deputy President.—There may be difference.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Have you advertised for applications?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—And there is to be a selection by a competent Board.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—By whom?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—By the Government.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is there a competitive examination to be held?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There is no competitive examination.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 13.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,655 for salaries and establishment by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 13. The Member is absent.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 14.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 77,791 for salaries and establishment by Rs. 13,306.*

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 15—19.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,75,800 under Demand No. IX by Re. 1.*

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,75,800 under Demand No. IX by Re. 1.*

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Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3,75,800 under Demand No. IX by Re. 1.*

Do. do. by Re. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the total allotment of Rs. 3,58,664 for Demand No. IX.*

Deputy President.—The rest of the motions may be deemed withdrawn as the Members are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the allotment asked for 'Forests' be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

20. Demand No. X.—Tramway—Rs. 1,24,908.

Deputy President.—The next demand is No. X—Tramway.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,24,908 being the estimate of votable items of expenditure for the Tramway for 1105. Since, in the light of the data recently collected by the Special Reconnoitring Officer, the profitable working of the Tramway may be considered to be assured for another 4 or 5 years, provision had to be made for maintaining the line in good repair at least in the immediate future. Only such expenditure as has been deemed absolutely essential has been included in the estimate, the details of which are given in the printed copy of the budget already furnished. Explanations for variations have also been furnished in the explanatory memorandum. Any further information required shall be furnished, if asked for. I would, therefore, request the House to pass the above demand in full.

Motions Nos. 20—24.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,000 for repairs and renewals, item 4, sleepers by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,29,900 under Demand No. X by Re. 1.*

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,29,900 under Demand No. X by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,29,900 under Demand No. X by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,24,908 for Demand No. X.*

Deputy President.—The Members who have tabled these motions are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

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